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## **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: January 15, 2019

### Subject

Approve Budget Modification No. 1819-035 resulting in an increased budget appropriation of \$17,927 to fund Cupertino's contribution to the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable on aircraft noise

### Recommended Action

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### Background

In 2016, United States House of Representatives Eshoo, Speier, and former Congressman Farr formed the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals (Select Committee) to develop regional consensus on recommendations to reduce aircraft noise. The Select Committee was intended to be temporary and included 12 local elected officials from the following agencies: Santa Clara County, Portola Valley, Saratoga, Los Altos Hills, Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, Capitola, San Mateo County, South San Francisco, Foster City, and East Palo Alto.

The Select Committee released a report in November 2016 summarizing their recommendations, which included the need to establish a permanent venue to address aircraft noise mitigation regionally. The Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) has expressed that they will not move forward with proposed recommendations until issues of congestion, noise shifting, and flying distance have been addressed with airline stakeholders and the affected communities, which include cities that were not part of the Select Committee such as Cupertino and Sunnyvale. The FAA also preferred to work with a regional group, similar to the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Airport/Community Roundtable, rather than individual jurisdictions.

In June 2017, Representatives Eshoo, Khanna, and Panetta requested that the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (Cities Association) assist with the establishment of a long-term forum for aircraft noise concerns in the South Bay. The Cities Association formed an Ad Hoc Committee to create the framework for establishing a South Bay

aircraft noise roundtable in which former Councilmember Savita Vaidhyanathan was the primary representative for Cupertino. The Ad Hoc Committee proposed a Santa Clara/Santa Cruz County Community Roundtable (Roundtable) on aircraft noise and the Cities Association requested participation from each of the 21 jurisdictions in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties last year.

At the Cupertino City Council meeting on August 21, 2018, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-083 to join the Roundtable. At that time, jurisdictions were still considering participation and the final funding amount for Cupertino was unknown since it would depend on how many jurisdictions participated. Due to this, the budget appropriation was deferred until the funding amount could be finalized.

The final membership for the Roundtable included the following 13 jurisdictions:

City of Capitola	City of Mountain View	City of Sunnyvale
City of Cupertino	City of Palo Alto	County of Santa Clara
City of Los Altos	City of Santa Clara	County of Santa Cruz
Town of Los Altos Hills	City of Santa Cruz	
City of Monte Sereno	City of Saratoga	

The remaining jurisdictions would be able to join at any time.

#### Discussion

Using the SFO Roundtable's budget as an example, the funding target for the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Roundtable (Roundtable) was set at \$250,000 annually. To reach this target, the costs would be distributed between the participating jurisdictions on a per capita basis. Since each cities' contribution would be dependent on the number of participating jurisdictions, Cupertino's contribution was unknown when the City joined the Roundtable but was estimated to be between \$11,000 and \$30,000 annually.

With the 13 participating jurisdictions finalized, Cupertino's contribution to the Roundtable will be \$17,927 for the 2019 calendar year. Funding will be used for staff support, technical consulting contracts, general office supplies, and communications-related expenses like mailing and photocopying. Staff recommends approving a Budget Appropriation of \$17,927 to fund Cupertino's contribution to the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable on aircraft noise. The Roundtable is expected to begin meeting in early 2019.

#### Sustainability Impact

None anticipated.

#### Fiscal Impact

If approved, Budget Modification No. 1819-035 will result in an increased appropriation of \$17,927 to fund Cupertino's contribution to the Roundtable. The appropriation will be

funded by the general fund. The Roundtable budget will be established each year and the City's contribution will be calculated accordingly on a per capita basis.

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Attachments:

A – Final Roundtable Funding Calculations